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TAGS: EINV, LI

SUBJECT: LIBERIA REFINING COMPANY

REF: STATE 154010

1. I MET WITH FINANCE MINISTER PHILLIPS AT LATTER'S REQUEST TO DISCUSS LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON SUBJECT MATTER. PHILLIPS SAID HE HAD RECENTLY RETURNED FROM U.S., WHERE HE MET WITH SUN/DYNALECTRON REPS. DEPUTY MINISTER PADMORE CONFERRED WITH THEM THREE TIMES ON PURELY INFORMAL BASIS. ON EACH OCCASION THEY URGED PADMORE TO NATIONALIZE LRC. PHILLIPS INFORMED ME THAT GOL WAS NOT ABOUT TO TAKE SUCH ACTION WHICH WOULD PLAY INTO THEIR HANDS.

2. PHILLIPS TOLD ME THAT LRC MANAGEMENT TEAM WOULD BE FACING SOME REAL DIFFICULTIES AFTER BRITISH OPERATIONS MANAGER LEAVES LIBERIA PERMANENTLY ON JUNE 21. HE IS LAST REMAINING OFFICER AUTHORIZED BY LRC'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO SIGN DOCUMENTS SUCH AS CHECKS, ETC. HIS DEPARTURE, PHILLIPS REMARKED, WOULD CRIPPLE GOL'S ATTEMPT TO IMPORT AND DISTRIBUTE POL PRODUCTS SINCE TO DO SO REQUIRES USE OF LRC'S STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES. THIS PROBLEM HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO SUN'S ATTENTION IN TELEX MESSAGE, BY LRC'S INTERIM MANAGEMENT TEAM,
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BUT SUN REPLIED NEGATIVELY STATING IT HAD REMOVED ITSELF FROM FURTHER MANAGEMENT ROLE BECAUSE OF GOL'S ALLEGED EXPROPRIATORY ACTIONS. PHILLIPS EMPHASIZED TO ME THAT WHILE MOST AFRICAN COUNTRIES WOULD LONG AGO HAVE SENT TROOPS TO TAKE OVER REFINERY, GOL POLICY IS TO REFRAIN FROM SUCH RASH ACTIONS. HE CONFESSED THAT HE WAS IN A REAL DILEMMA AND ASKED ME WHAT U.S. GOVERNMENT WOULD DO IF IT WERE IN A

SIMILAR SITUATION. I DID NOT VOLUNTEER MY VIEWS, BUT TOLD
PHILLIPS THAT I WOULD RELAY HIS QUESTION TO DEPT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY COMMENTS
FROM THE DEPT. THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO PHILLIPS IN THIS
SITUATION. I REALIZE, OF COURSE, THAT BOTH EMBASSY AND DEPT.
MUST BE CAREFUL TO MAINTAIN STRICT NEUTRALITY IN THIS DISPUTE.
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